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Briefs

Tea dance set

A Tea Dance titled "A Lu-yens Tea Dance" is scheduled for Sunday, May 17 at Chris and Robert Earl Lane's tennis courts in Winfall. This will be a fun affair for the benefit of the Perquimans Restoration Association. Get out your prettiest bonnet and come help celebrate Spring with a May Pole, libations, food and a live band while contributing to a worthy cause. The time will be from 4-6:30 p.m. and will cost \$12.50 per person. The event is open to the public. Please call for reservations at 426-7567.

Cessation program slated

Albemarle Hospital will be sponsoring the American Cancer Society's "Fresh Start" smoking cessation program in May. The program will be presented on four consecutive Thursday evenings beginning May 7. A registration fee of \$10 payable to the American Cancer Society will be collected. The fee will be refunded to participants who attend all four sessions. Pre-registration is required. Call 335-0531 ext. 5239 for more information or to sign up.

NAACP to meet

The Perquimans County Branch of the NAACP will hold its monthly meeting Monday, April 27 at 8 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center on Grubb Street. The Executive Committee will meet at 7 p.m.

Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration will be held at Hertford Grammar School April 27 - May 1 for all children who live in Perquimans County and will be 5 years old on or before Oct. 16. The hours will be 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. each day. Parents should bring the child's certified birth certificate and social security number with them. All parents of children who are eligible to attend kindergarten for the 1992-93 school year are encouraged to register their children during this week. For more information, call Hertford Grammar School at 426-7166.

Legion installs officers

The William Paul Stallings American Legion Post No. 126 of Hertford held their regular monthly meeting at the Legion Hut on April 9. Officers for 1992 were installed by George Schafhauser, District Commander, of Maple, as follows: Commander: Carl T. Mumm; First Vice Commander: Julian Broughton; Second Vice Commander: Frank L. Williams; Adjutant: James W. Rountree; Historian: Charles T. Skianer; Finance Officer: Scott Perry; Service Officer: John Beers; Chaplain: Roy Ball; Sergeant-at-Arms: Melvin Rountree. Refreshments were served following the meeting. The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Another Hertford business closes

Phillips Furniture to shut doors

Another Perquimans County business announced plans to close its doors this week.

Phillips Furniture Company owners Jack and Gene Phillips said they will begin a going-out-of-business sale on May 1. The brothers have operated the furniture factory outlet for 22 years.

"Due to the state of the economy and other business interests, we have decided to go out of the furniture business," the Phillips brothers stated in a written notice issued to The Perquimans Weekly Monday.

The Phillips brothers started out with a small cabinet shop and the business grew into a first quality and reject furniture outlet. The business grew to the point that an addition was required on the building.

But Jack said furniture is one item that does not have to be purchased when consumers must tighten the purse strings, and sales have not been good over the past two years.

The closing comes on the heels of Variety Wholesalers' de-

cision to close Eagles in downtown Hertford and a major lay-off at Don Juan Manufacturing. Earlier in the year, Nino's Restaurant closed.

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Owners, Phillips Furniture

Gene will continue to operate Creations In Wood, a custom wood-working business. Jack will still operate Phillips Auto Sales.

Phillips Furniture closed at 5:30 p.m. yesterday (Wednesday), and will re-open on May 1 at 9 p.m. to begin a stock liquidation sale.



Phillips Furniture on U.S. Highway 17 Bypass in Hertford is closing its doors after 22 years in business. Owners Jack and Gene Phillips cite the economy and other business interests as the reasons for closing. (Photo by Susan Harris)

Arrests reported

The Hertford Police reported the following arrests:

George Keith Hulett, 32, of Rt. 4, Box 295, Eden, N.C., was issued a citation on April 12 for no registration and no insurance.

Nancy Lee Brinkley, 26, of P.O. Box 41, Highway 32, Hobbsville, was issued a citation on April 21 for speeding.

James Ulysses Walker, 27, of 323 Stokes Dr., Hertford, was arrested on April 20 and charged with assault on a female.

Calvin Harrison Cockman, 48, of P.O. Box 5511, Robbins, was issued a citation on April 18 for speeding.

Joseph Aurele Dupuis III, 27, of 201 Micmac Trail, Edenton, was arrested on April 18 and charged with no insurance and no operators license. Bond was set at \$200 unsecured.

Richard Allen Barry Jackson, 39, of 301 Dobbs Street, Hertford, was issued a citation on April 18 for driving while license revoked.

Nathaniel Anthony Moore, 30, of Rt. 5, Box 18 Dogwood Mobile Home Park, Hertford, was arrested on April 17 and charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Bond was set at \$500 secured.

A hoppin' good time



Jonathan Godfrey, 10, and his sister Jennifer, 6, took time out from their Easter shopping to visit Peter Cottontail at Southgate Mall last week. The pair are the children of David and Gayle Godfrey of New Hope. (Photo by Beth Finney)

Fire chiefs: Departments need county funds

Representatives of the county's fire departments approached the county commissioners in regular session Monday night requesting consideration for more funding in the 1992-93 fiscal budget.

Spokesman for the group Danny Gregory, chief of the Intercounty Fire Department, told the commissioners that the cost of the service the departments provide is escalating, and the volunteer departments are facing economic crisis.

Gregory said that the firefighters volunteer their time for services and training, and must raise the funds necessary to replace aging buildings and equipment, pay rising insurance premiums and purchase gear. The chief said that the cost of firefighting turn-out gear and equipment has doubled in the past 10 years. Gregory added that it is not fair to firefighters who volunteer for service to also be asked to personally endorse bank loans for equipment.

The commissioners budgeted \$7,500 for operating expenses and \$1,500 for new equipment purchases last fiscal year. The departments requested \$10,000 in operating funds and \$2,000 for equipment replacement next year.

Gregory said the chiefs of the departments would like to meet with the commissioners to discuss long-range plans for firefighting organizations.

Bethel Fire Chief Jeff Proctor echoed Gregory's statements. Proctor told the commissioners he was appreciative of what the commissioners had done in the past, but the time has come to do

something better. He said most departments have trucks that are old and must be replaced within the next few years. In his district, he said, Albemarle Plantation could have a great impact on necessary services.

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Mack Nixon
Commissioners chairman

Jimmy Chappell, chief at Belvidere-Chappell Hill, said firefighters provide the most dangerous service in the county. He said the increase in hazardous chemical calls increases the likelihood of injury to firefighters.

Commissioners chairman Mack Nixon said the board and county residents appreciate the services provided by the department. He added that the departments will be given consideration when the budget is prepared, but there will be a strain on county coffers. While he said the request for additional funds did not appear out of line, he could not guarantee that the monies could be found in the budget in view of the economic situation in the county.

"Your requests are not falling on deaf ears," Nixon assured the firefighting delegation.

Gregory requested a better communication link with the board. He said firefighters understand the money crunch, but want to work with the board to provide service.

Commissioners award recycling center contracts Monday

The contracts for two more recycling centers were awarded Monday evening when the county commissioners opened sealed bids for the projects.

The first center to be constructed will be located on Center Hill Highway near the old FCX building. Outer Banks Contractors was awarded the site preparation contract with a low bid of \$18,467. Tidon Whitehurst will do the site work on the U.S. 17 South site adjacent to Allen's BP where the county purchased land earlier this year. He was low bidder at \$19,833. Albemarle Fencing will erect the fences at both sites at a cost of \$8,240 per site.

The Center Hill Highway project was funded in the 1991-92 budget. The U.S. 17 South site will be funded next fiscal year.

The first center opened in New Hope earlier this year on land leased by the county from the Durants Neck Ruritans. County manager N. Paul Gregory Jr. said the site is being used at present. Under construction presently is the second recycling center located on U.S. Highway 17 North, just south of the weight station.

Cable request deferred

The commissioners deferred a decision on allowing Multi-Vision Cable Company to transfer

20 percent of its shares, a controlling interest, to Cable Vision Systems. Representatives of the company requested authority to make the transfer; however, the commissioners said that only about one-third of county residents are presently receiving cable service, and they get requests frequently for expanded service.

Chairman Mack Nixon told the company representatives that cable companies serving neighboring counties have expressed an interest in a franchise in Perquimans County. There is no limit on the number of franchises the commissioners can allow to operate in the

county, attorney John Matthews said.

No decision on allowing the stock transfer will be made until the company submits information on future expansion to serve more residents, the commissioners decided. The representatives agreed to have the requested data back to the county by the May 4 meeting.

In other business, the commissioners:

*approved a land variance on property at Albemarle Plantation owned by Carl and Cathy Terranova with a 3-2 vote. Commissioners Wayne Winslow and Thomas Nixon voted against the measure, while Leo Higgins and

Lester Simpson voted yes. Chairman Mack Nixon was forced to cast the tie-breaking vote.

*approved grant fund distribution for the Home Care and Community Block Grant.

*approved a resolution requested by Albemarle Mental Health to bring its salary schedule in line with state agencies.

*reviewed a proposed ordinance restricting the entry of mobile homes into the county.

*approved the transfer of social worker Melissa Stokely into protective services and approved hiring Vickie Williams as a social worker trainee.

